the Home State). The remaining power is the unallocated quota which is available with the Central Government. The allocation from the unallocated quota is made to the States/UTs in the region based on the prevailing power supply position and also to certain power intensive industries.

From the unallocated quota, Kerala's share was increased from 30% to 50% w.e.f. 12.6.1997 and again 50% to 65% w.e.f. 1.7.1997, having regard to the power crisis in the State during the summer months due to steep fall in hydel generation. The entitlement and actual drawal by Kerala from the central sector generating stations during the period 1994-97 is as under:

	Entitlement(MU)	Actual Drawal (MU)
1994-95	3010.3	2351.9
1995-96	2898.8	2733.1
1996-97	3283.3	3426.6

(c) The Central Government has to meet the requirements of all the States and UTs in the region from the unallocated quota. In the Southern Region Andhra Pradesh, Karnataka and Tamil Nadu were also facing power shortage. Therefore, it was not practicable to allot the entire central share to Kerala.

Adirapally Hydropower Project

548. SHRI M.A. BABY: Will the MINISTER OF POWER be please to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Adirapally hydropower project submitted by the Kerala Government is pending with the Government for environmental clearance; and

(b) if so, the steps taken by his Ministry?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY AND MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF POWER (SHRI YOGINDER K. ALAGH): (a) and (b) The proposal for environmental clearance for the Adirapally hydroelectric project was rejected by the Ministry of Environment & Forests in 1989. The main issue was drying up of the natural Adirapally falls. With a view to maintain the natural Adirapally falls, the project authorities agreed the explore the possibility of having two power houses. The revised proposal was submitted to Ministry of Environment & Forests in 1994. The proposal was considered by the Expert Committee for River Valley and hydropower projects who have sought additional information from the project authorities. The project is to be reconsidered by the Committee at its next meeting to be held on 28.7.1997.

Progress of Kayamkulam Power Project

549. SHRI M.A. BABY: Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) whether Kayamkulam thermal power project in Kerala undertaken by NTPC is proceeding as schedule;

(b) if so, the progress achieved so far; and

(c) the tentative dates for commission various stages of the project?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY AND MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF POWER (SHRI YOGINDER K. ALAGH):

(a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The dredging and leveling work for Main Plant of the project has been completed. Subsequent activities are in progress as scheduled.

(c) The scheduled commissioning dates are as under:—

Gas Turbine I	March, 1999
Gas Turbine II	May 1999
Steam Turbine	May 2000.